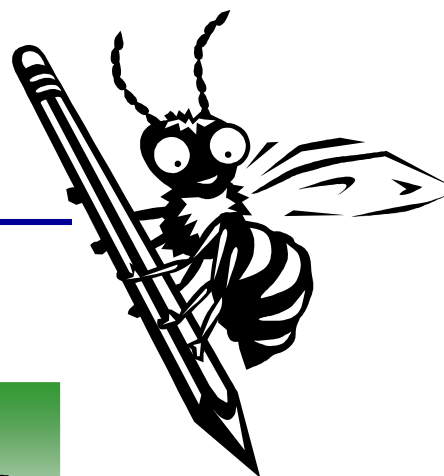


Youth Services Notes

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Summer Reading Program



Display at Smoot Library.

Candy Sushi—a teen/tween event at Smoot Library making candy sushi that broke our record for attendance at a teen program.

Points of Interest

Statistics for the Summer Reading Program and Winter Reading Program Will be gathered through Bibliostat Collect

Statistics are due November 15.

For more information, and a list of the information related to Youth Services

see

www.vpl.lib.va.us/library-resources/bibliostat-collect.html

Chesapeake Public Library's Fun Fishing Day Theme! After hooking some good books, the children enjoyed painted their own fish on a stick !



Shenandoah County Library

If you have pictures of your library displays, programs or first day event for the summer reading program, could you please send Enid a copy? Also, we would like 92 copies of your summer reading program brochure. One will be kept on file at the Library of Virginia and the rest will be given to the other libraries at the September Directors Meeting. Thanks!

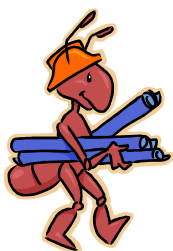


Science Programs

Hello All!

This is a very broad question..... I have a patron who is trying to put together a program for preschoolers on science. She is going to give a different lesson each week, & the topics are pretty open. She would like to incorporate music, movement, activities, or games into the lessons. Concepts in science will have to be kept very simple. Any suggestions for the literacy end? Or does anyone know of a source for good science activities for preschoolers? Many thanks! - Erin Schirotta, Bronxville Library

The easier the experiments and the concepts the better - best programs were with numbers, color, shapes, water and wind; sometimes I used the centers technique other times we all did the same thing at the same time this depends on the size of your group and the types of activities other titles *Fun With My Five Senses by Sarah A. Williamson Science Play by Jill Hauser Super Science Concoctions by Jill Hauser*



Bugs

Song: The Ants Go Marching Book: Max's ABC (sing ABC song first)
book: * Play and Find Out about Bugs by Janice VanCleave* I Wonder ... how does a bug walk (p47)
three kids label feet with number talk about how spiders have 2 main body parts and 8 legs; insects have 2 main body parts and 6 legs I wonder how do bugs walk on the ceiling (p 51) etc. , I used 4 others and stressed the importance of asking Why which really is a natural at this age

Color

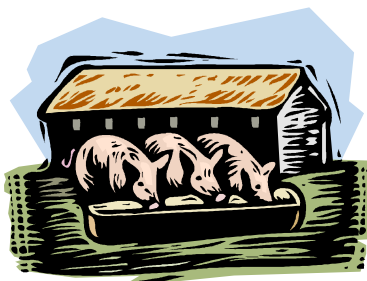
Song: 1 little 2 little 3 little crayons

Books: Blue Goose by Nancy Tafuri; My Box of Color by Siomades: Red is a Dragon by Thong Mouse Paint by Walsh

Activities: Primary colors, what happens when you mix them you can do this with paint or for fun freeze cubes of different colors and melt and mix them and see what happens

Activity: color separation: use markers to color an end of paper towel or coffee filters which can then become flowers and put in water and let the colors separate

Activity: have different colors and different shapes and let them create a picture identifying the color and possibly the shape or just use old scraps of paper and have them make a picture.



Dirt

Book: Piggy in the Puddle by Pomerantz

Activity: different types of soil samples either in plastic bags or glass jars - what happens if you add water? What happens if you shake it? What do you predict will happen? Do they have different smells? different colors?

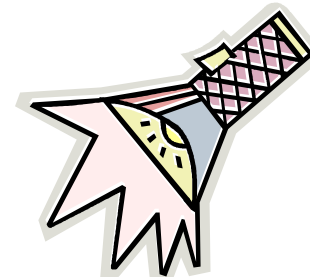
from: *Science is Simple: over 250 activities for preschoolers by Peggy Ashbrook

Light and Shadow

Book: Incredible Me by Kathi Appelt

Ducky's Rainbow by Francis Barry

start with the room dark and use flashlight to light the room - never shine in your eyes



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or

friends eyes never look directly into the sun

(some good safety tips can be inserted!) concepts light travels in a straight line unless blocked (shadow) or reflected (use a mirror) light is made up of many colors

Activity: any rainbow craft or just color sheets; use large bubbles to see colors reflected Hang white paper and let them dance in front while shining light behind them

Song: Shadow Song (tune Skip to My Lou)

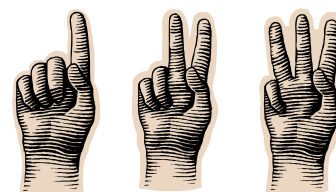
Dance dance, just like me

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Shadow, dance like me

Raise your hand: kick your foot; flap your arms etc. then make puppets on sticks and let them dance with their puppets



Numbers/Counting

Clap name and count the syllables; count kids, count adults in the room

Fingerplay: 1 little 2 little 3 little crayons

Book: Five Little Monkeys by Christelow

Book: Fish Swish! Splash, Dash! by Suse MacDonald (I love this book and so do the kids and parents)

Activities:

Walk forward and count 1 - 10; walk backward and count 10 - 1 Simon Says with numbers hold dice and find numbers; combine and add graph favorite numbers Christmas tree and star - add balls and count paper chain with various colored strips - make a pattern 1 of each color; 2 of each color; or 1 or a color then 2 of a color etc. send home some simple Sudoku pages (numbers 1 - 4) (this was one of the more popular sessions)

Shapes

Fingerplay: Twinkle, Twinkle

Song: Shape Song - The Circle Goes Round and Round to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell

Book: Shape by Shape by Suse MacDonald

Book: The Wing on a Flea by Emberley

Activities:

Talk about shapes of everyday objects - dish, bed, window, door etc. Use kids to make a shape Use popsicle sticks and yarn to make shapes Make a picture with different shapes

Sound

Clap their name

do Mother Goose rhyme and they echo the lines

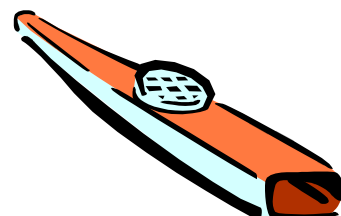
Song: Clap, Clap, Clap with me (tune Skip to my Lou); then hum, blow, tap etc.

Book: And the Cow Said Moo by Mildred Phillips

Activities:

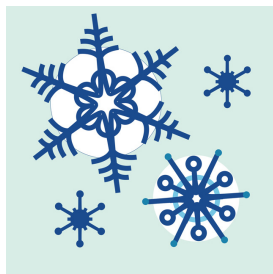
paper cup telephone

make kazoo with toilet paper or paper towel roll, wax paper, rubber make drum with old oatmeal box or other suggestion for home: make guitar with rubber bands around empty Kleenex box have different instruments available so they can hear the different sounds end by singing Old MacDonald and marching with their instruments (another crowd pleaser!)



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Snow, Water

Fingerplay: Three Little Snowmen

Book Missing Mitten Mystery by Kellogg

Activities:

have ice cubes, snow and glasses of water - have them guess which will melt first give each child an ice cube in a cup and encourage them to touch lick etc. and describe what is happening talk about solid, liquid and gas freeze water in plastic bags make icebergs

Wind

Song: Scarves are Blowing in the air (tune Frere Jacques)

Book: The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins

Activities:

What will blow? have various objects on the table and have them guess which ones will blow, can they blow them? what if I use a blow dryer?

put feather into the end of a straw and let them blow it out!

Can't see air but can catch it - tape a picture of a dog on the inside of a glass say "Spot doesn't like baths" then push glass into a bowl with water, bring out the glass touch Spot still dry air in glass kept him dry boat races - make sail boats from paper toothpicks cork or clay and have races with water in jelly roll pan make streamers tape strips of crepe paper to empty paper towel rolls



Upcoming Training Workshops

To Register for a workshop, please go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> or <http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/> and click on calendar of events and the date of the program.

Connecting Young Adults and Libraries

Taught by **Michele Gorman**

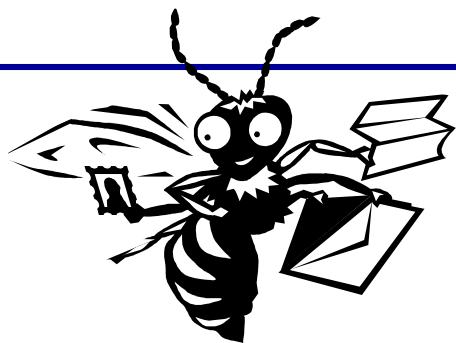
Course begins September 20

Cost \$25.00

During this four week online course —

- Participants will explore the connections between healthy youth development and library services to teens.
- Participants will learn how to identify and meet the needs of teens with high-interest, innovative programming.
- Participants will gain knowledge of Teen Read Week (the national celebration of teens and reading sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association) and learn how to plan and implement programming that directly corresponds with this week-long celebration.
- Participants will learn about why program evaluation is a key component of serving teens in libraries.
- Participants will have opportunities to develop evaluation documents that can serve as tools for promoting existing and/or garnering support for future programs and services for teens.

A prerequisite to both online classes is an free online course. "Introduction to Moodle" will be offered beginning August 23, and must be completed by September 15. Anyone signed up for "Early Literacy and Books Making Connections" or "Connecting Young Adults and Libraries" will automatically be signed up for "Introduction to Moodle."



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Winter Reading Program

To place your orders for
the
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Program,
please complete the
online form at
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Please place your order
by **August 30.**



In Campbell County

Even with decreasing budgets, the **Campbell County Public Libraries** found a way to shake up the summer reading program. This year's program was titled **Campbell County Public Libraries' Family Summer Program**. Most all programs and events were for all ages and presented by library staff. Some of the activities were a splashing kickoff, the fishing hole, rainy day crafts session, beach bingo, movie nights, and surfing the internet. ????, of Under the Sea, joined for the finale. By providing activities geared for the entire family, the Campbell County Public Libraries registered 1600 patrons for the program. With this success, the libraries are looking to provide more family programs in the future.

